



Westlawn Public School

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Newsletter: Term 4 Week 2

Principal's Message:

We hope everyone had a restful break and is ready for a productive and enjoyable final term of the year.

Attendance Matters

Regular attendance is crucial for your child's learning and wellbeing. Each day at school builds knowledge, skills, and friendships that set students up for success. Please ensure your child arrives on time every day and notify the school promptly if your child is absent. Let's work together to keep attendance rates high and support every student's learning journey.

Jacaranda

The Jacaranda festivities start this Saturday October 25 with the March of the Youth where teachers will meet the children at the Civic Centre at 8:30am. The following Thursday October 30 is Jacaranda Thursday with school finishing at 1pm. Please note buses do not alter their timetable for the day and alternative pick-up arrangements will need to be made.

AECG

The next Grafton Local Aboriginal Education Consultative Group Meeting which includes the AGM is October 28 at Grafton Public School. See flyer below for more details.

Community Engagement

We value our strong community partnerships and encourage all families to get involved in school activities and events this term. Whether volunteering, attending meetings, or participating in special events, your engagement enriches our school environment and helps create a supportive and inclusive community for all students.

The last term continues to be extremely busy with numerous events, excursions and activities occurring. Please keep updated and informed by checking the school calendar, School Bytes, email or Facebook for information.

Safe Drop-Off Reminders

The safety of our students is a top priority. Please follow these guidelines to ensure a smooth and safe drop-off routine:

- Use parking bays on Hoof St
- Do not double park or stop in no-standing zones.

- Encourage children to exit vehicles on the curb side where possible.
- Drive slowly and be vigilant of pedestrians. Your cooperation helps keep our school zone safe and efficient during busy times.

Thank you for your ongoing support. Let's make Term 4 a great finish to the year!

Trent Patterson
Principal

School Magazine

The closing date for the school magazine has been extended to this Friday 24th October.

Hot Dog Day

Hot Dog Day will be held on Wednesday 29th October. Order forms have been sent home last week. Payment is by CASH ONLY, please do not pay on School Bytes. Order forms and money are due back at school by Friday 24th October.



Jacaranda Parade of Youth

Westlawn Public School will be participating in the Parade of Youth on Saturday 25th October. Teachers will meet the children at the river end of Prince Street at 8.30am for a 9am march.

Teachers will accompany the children down Prince Street to Market Square where you will then need to collect your child.

School uniform with school hat is essential. It is an expectation that school captains and prefects will attend. All WPS students are invited to participate.

Sporting News

NSWPSSA Athletics Championships

We wish Hudson, Piper, Alice, Lola and Gracie the very best when they compete at the 2025 NSWPSSA Athletics Championships in Sydney beginning this Wednesday 22 October.

Hudson will be competing on Wednesday in the junior boys 200m heats from 10:45 am and in the 10 years boys 100m heats from 12:55pm. The finals for both events will be held on Thursday.

Piper, Alice, Lola and Gracie will run in the junior girls 4 x 100 relay heats on Thursday from 11:45 am. A live link to all events can be accessed at:

[2025 NSWPSSA Primary Athletics Championship - Day 1 Track Stream - NSW School Sport Live Streaming](#)

[2025 NSWPSSA Primary Athletics Championship - Day 2 Track Stream \(PSSA\) - NSW School Sport Live Streaming](#)

**WPS CANTEEN WILL BE CLOSED ON
JACARANDA THURSDAY 30TH OCTOBER**



Term 4 PBL Reward Activity WATER PLAY



Back by popular demand, this fun water play session will be happening in Week 10 of Term 4.
Come and have some fun with your friends!

Bring swimmers, towel, hat, sunscreen and you will need to have at least 36/ 45 PBL points to play.




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GRAFTON LOCAL AECG



The Local Grafton Executive committee would like to acknowledge the tradition owners of the land which we work, live and dream.

What is the AECG?
The NSW AECG is a not for profit Aboriginal organisation that provides advice on all matters relevant to education. This advice represents the Aboriginal community viewpoint so it is essential that local voices are heard.

What do we do?
The Local Grafton AECG provides critical advice and support to school principals and their teams. All members of the community are welcome and Aboriginal adults (18 years and older) may vote and hold office bearers' positions.

How do you have a voice?
We encourage you to consider attending the Grafton Local AECG Meetings and become a member to learn more about what is happening in our schools, and to provide input and advice to support school improvement and your child's education.

General meeting

4pm Tuesday 28 October 2025
Grafton Public School Library,
Queen St Grafton

Annual general meeting

to follow at 5pm

Please contact one of our local reps for more information or questions and/or email us on graftonlocalaecg@gmail.com

Lisa Laurie President	Tara Chevalley Vice President	Shonelle Pholi Treasurer	Taya Wear Secretary
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WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 October	13 School Development Day	14 Students Return Kinder Orientation	15	16	17
2 October	20	21 Kinder Orientation	22 PSSA Athletics	23 Year 3 Camp PSSA Athletics	24 Year 3 Camp GHS Introduction Hot dog orders due
3 October	27	28 Kinder Orientation	29 Hot Dog Day	30 Jacaranda Thursday	31
4 Oct / Nov	3	4 Kinder Orientation GHS half day taster Day	5	6	7
5 November	10	11 Kinder Orientation	12	13	14
6 November	17 Year 5 Camp Lake Ainsworth Year 6 Camp Canberra	18 Year 5 Camp Lake Ainsworth Year 6 Camp Canberra Kinder Orientation & Graduation	19 Year 5 Camp Lake Ainsworth Year 6 Camp Canberra	20 Year 5 Camp Lake Ainsworth Year 6 Camp Canberra	21 Year 5 Camp Lake Ainsworth Year 6 Camp Canberra
7 November	24 Year 2 Intensive Swimming	25 Year 2 Intensive Swimming	26 Year 2 Intensive Swimming	27 Year 2 Intensive Swimming	28 Year 2 Intensive Swimming
8 Nov/Dec	1 Year 2 Intensive Swimming	2 Year 2 Intensive Swimming Combined HS Transition Day	3 Year 2 Intensive Swimming Year 4 Camp Yarrahapinni	4 Year 2 Intensive Swimming Year 4 Camp Yarrahapinni	5 Year 2 Intensive Swimming Year 4 Camp Yarrahapinni
9 December	8	9	10	11 Year 6 Farewell	12
10 December	15 Presentation Day	16	17	18	19 Term 4 ends

Calendar 2025

Eastern division

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Key dates

Check with your school as starting and finishing dates may change.



First to last days for all students:

Term 1: 6 February to 11 April
 Term 2: 30 April to 4 July
 Term 3: 22 July to 26 September
 Term 4: 14 October to 19 December



School development days:

Term 1: 31 January to 5 February

Term 2: 28 April and 29 April

Term 3: 21 July

Term 4: 13 October



School holidays:

Summer 2024-25: 22 December

2024 to 30 January 2025

Autumn: 14 April to 24 April

Winter: 7 July to 18 July



Public holidays

Spring: 29 September to 10 October

Summer 2025-26: 22 December

2025 to 26 January 2026



School development days

The dates are determined by the department. Always check with your local school as dates may change. Parents and carers should not send their children to school on school development days.

education.nsw.gov.au/school-development-days



Scan me for key dates

education.nsw.gov.au/calendars